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MEMORANDUM FOR: (See Distribution)

SUBJECT: Supplementary Guidance for Bureau of
the Budget Hearing on OSA/IDEALIST

REFERENCE: A.

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1. As you were advised in reference A, the Bureau of the Budget Hearing on OSA Programs, except [REDACTED] Communications, will be held between 1530-1630 on 28 October. The following is intended to supplement guidance provided in reference A and to assign responsibilities.

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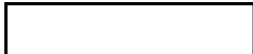
2. The material will be organized more or less in accordance with the format used for the DDS&T Quarterly Review, and responsibilities for material presented will be substantially the same. However, there will be no presentation on Research and Development. The hearing will be opened with a summary chart indicating the programs and dollars to be discussed. This will be followed by the presentation of the Deputy for Operations which should be limited to approximately 15 minutes. The Deputy for Materiel presentation and the general budget presentation are each scheduled for 10 minutes, leaving approximately 25 minutes for questions. [REDACTED] will be included in the Comptroller's general presentation but the Operations and Materiel representatives should be prepared to answer pertinent questions. All dollar and personnel statistics will be presented by the Comptroller representative.

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3. It was originally contemplated that OSA would stand ready to respond to questions concerning the future of the IDEALIST Program and possible alternatives. After reconsideration, it has been decided that we will provide a vigorous justification for the program; but will indicate, if so questioned, that in view of the fact that this is an NRO program and an NRO study is now in process, it is inappropriate at this time to discuss either possible alternatives or options or the cost of such alternatives or options. The presentation should emphasize that the present figures are based on existing guidance and that alternative programs cannot be considered until new guidance is received. Routine questions, however, should be answered. It is suggested that all OSA representatives at the hearing familiarize themselves with the IDEALIST operational concept fiscal years 1970 and 1971 set forth in reference B as it is possible that the BOB representative may have received some of this material through other sources.

4. Copies of all charts to be presented should be submitted to the Chief, Budget & Finance Division by the close of business 23 October in order that material can be organized for the dry-run presentation to the D/SA at 1000 hours, 27 October. Any important back-up papers should also be submitted at that time so that each participant can be generally aware of the material to be presented.

5. OPPB and the DDS&T have each requested that the number of participants be severely limited. It is expected at this time that there will be one representative each from the immediate office of the Director/SA, D/Operations, D/Materiel, Comptroller and B&FD. Names of persons to be present must be submitted through DDS&T to OPPB 48 hours in advance of the presentation.


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